

Forest Land-Bhandara

Diversion of 6.81 ha. Forest land in favour of M/s. Manganese Ore India Ltd. (MOIL) for mining of manganese ore in Tumsar Tal., District Bhandara.

Government of Maharashtra

Revenue and Forest Department

Government Order No. FLD-3500/C.R.319/F-10

Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032.

Date:- 07 October, 2022

Reference:

- 1) Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/1398/1999-2000, dt.11.10.2000.
- 2) Government of Maharashtra, Letter No. FLD-3500/CR-319/F-10, dt. 16.01.2001
- 3) Regional Office, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, Bhopal, Letter No. 8C/2/2001-FCW/1242, dt.28.06.2004.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/ID-2512/1046, dt. 25.09.2013.
Letter No. Desk-17/NC/RS-I/ID-11327/349/19-20, dt. 10.08.2020.
Letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/ID-2512/134/20-21, dt. 18.05.2021.
Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ID-2512/2043/2021-22, dt. 11.01.2022.
- 5) Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No. 8C/2/2005-FCW/9397, dt.25.02.2022.
- 6) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ID-2512/359/2021-22, dt.12.05.2022.

Order:-

Whereas, Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for diversion of 6.81 ha. Forest land in favour of M/s. Manganese Ore India Ltd. (MOIL) for mining of manganese ore in Tumsar Tal., District Bhandara;

AND whereas, the State Government vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted proposal to Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, Bhopal;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 6.81 ha. Forest Land for the above project under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letters under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of India;

AND whereas, the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide under reference no. 5 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the 6.81 ha. Forest land in favour of M/s. Manganese Ore India Ltd. (MOIL) for mining of manganese ore in Tumsar Tal. District Bhandara. under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.6 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that the area of 6.81 ha consisting of Zudpi Jungle Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. M/s. Manganese Ore India Ltd. (MOIL), Nagpur for mining of manganese ore in Tumsar Tal., District Bhandara.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letters dated 28.06.2004 and dated 25.02.2022 of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, referred above. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
2. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Regional Office, MoEF&CC letters dated 28.06.2004 and dated 25.02.2022, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
3. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur shall report through the State Government to the Regional Officer (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 .

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Item Work Purpose	District	Taluka	Village	Survey No/Comp. No.	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1	Mining of manganese ore in Tumsar Tal. District Bhandara.	Bhandara	Tumsar	Balapur Hamesha	90, 31, 99 & 102	6.81	Zudpi Jungle
Total Forest Area (in ha.)						6.81	

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
3. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
5. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.
7. Divisional Commissioner, Nagpur
8. Collector, Bhandara.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Bhandara.
10. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara
12. General Manager, MOIL, Nagpur.
13. Select File.

I. Collector- Bhandara and Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Bhandara are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.

II. General Manager, MOIL, Nagpur is hereby directed to publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc. and along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the Central Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in

vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara.

III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.